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(*b*) whether any representation has been received by the Government from the managements of aided secondary schools in the State as regards the amount required over and above the Government grant to meet the salaries of teachers at rates entered in their registers;

(*c*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon;

(*d*) whether any representation has been received by the Government from the Madras Teachers' Guild in the matter of cuts in salaries of teachers in aided secondary schools in the City of Madras; and

(*e*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) 252.

(*b*) *to* (*e*) : Yes. The Government have sympathetically considered the hardship caused to the teachers and they have ordered that there should be no reduction in the salaries paid to the teachers under the new system of aid with effect from 1st April 1964.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Are the Government aware that contrary to this benefit conferred by the Government, there are cuts now in the months of June by the absorption of increment due to teachers?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The hon. Member may put a separate question.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : If really the Government think that teachers should not be affected by the new pattern of aid, what is the difficulty in just inquiring how this difference between the approved pay and the Service Register pay has been treated as special pay that pay is being absorbed in all these 252 cases?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That is not a question of "really". Government do not want the teachers who have been serving to be affected in the matter of scales on account of the decision of the Government. If there is still any difficulty or hardship felt by any teachers the hon. Member may put a separate question.

SRI M. RAJAH IYER : Will the Government initiate action to ensure that nobody has been adversely affected? May I submit that there are a few who have drawn above the maximum and that excess is not taken into account at all?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The hon. Member may furnish me the information which I shall look into.

Teachers in Aided Elementary schools

* 23 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) lay on the Table of the House a copy of the latest rules in force for filling up vacancies caused by leave or retirement of

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teachers and for making fresh appointments of teachers in aided Elementary Schools; and

(b) state whether such rules have been communicated to the managements of such schools?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (a) & (b): A statement [a] is placed on the Table of the House.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: What is the reason for the delay in amending the rules though they were announced in 1964?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: The hon. Member may put a separate question. I have no information besides what has been laid on the table.

SRI M. RAJAH IYER: Will the Government take action to ensure that whenever there is a new vacancy, a substitute is definitely posted in schools lest the work of the school should suffer?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: I cannot give a categorical assurance to the hon. Member. But that question is being looked into. I cannot say that whenever there is a new vacancy, there must be some substitute posted.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: The notification of this amendment is said to have been made through the usual monthly meeting of Teachers' Association Centres. Cannot the Government think of any other better way of just cyclostyling this and sending it on to the managements, as the representatives of the managements cannot be present at these monthly meetings?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: The hon. Member may put a separate question.

Defence of India Rules

* 24 Q.—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether any prosecutions have been launched against the Newspapers under the Defence of India Rules;

(b) whether any of the prosecutions have been withdrawn; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: What is the number of prosecutions launched, Sir?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: The number is seven.

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